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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of: )  
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Karl L. Ginter, et al. )  
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Prior Application No.: 09/328,671 ) Group Art Unit: 2767  
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Filed: June 9, 1999 ) Examiner: G. Barron, Jr.  
)  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS )  
FOR SECURE TRANSACTION )  
MANAGEMENT AND )  
ELECTRONIC RIGHTS )  
PROTECTION )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-90 and add new claims 91-112 as follows:

91. --A method of using a governed item at a processing arrangement,  
including the following steps:  
receiving a first rule at the processing arrangement;  
receiving a second rule at the processing arrangement, the second rule being  
received independently from the first rule and from the governed item; and

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